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REF: A) TEHRAN 8689; B) TEHRAN 8925

1. WILL CONVEY EMBASSY AND CASC EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR ASSISTANCE TO NIDA AND DR. ALBIN. DR. ALBIN'S DEBRIEFINGS IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 9 SUMMARIZED IN DETAIL HIS AND CASC'S ACTIVITIES DURING HIS CONSULTATION IN IRAN.

2. CONCUR THAT THE CASC/ALBIN DOCUMENT PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT BASIS TO PROCEED WITH SDC IMPLEMENTATION. CONSIDER DOCUMENT MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO PREPARE A SUMMARY FOR U.S. FIRMS. COPIES OF SECTION II, PAGE 14 AND 15, "CHARACTERISTICS OF IRAN AND THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY", POUCHED TO CLYDE TAYLOR EARLIER THIS WEEK.

3. RECRUITING A PSYCHIATRIST/DIRECTOR FOR SDC UNFORTUNATELY COMPROMISED BY UNCOMMITTED FUNDING. BOTH M/MED AND DR. ALBIN ARE MAKING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS TO ASCERTAIN INTEREST ON THE PART OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES. THE SAME SEARCH IS BEING EXTENDED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF NIDA. WITHIN THE ABOVE REALISTIC CONSTRAINTS M/MED IS MAKING A PRIORITY
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EFFORT TO LOCATE SDC DIRECTOR/PSYCHIATRIST. THERE IS ONE

OUTSTANDING CANDIDATE WHO WOULD GET STATE AND NIDA ENDORSEMENT SHOULD HE DECIDE TO ACCEPT WITH CERTAIN MODIFICATIONS OF THE TERMS, EMOLUMENTS, AND BENEFITS PRESENTLY BUDGETED. THESE POINTS ARE NEGOTIABLE AND DO NOT SEEM UNREASONABLE.

4. FURTHER DEPARTMENTAL FUNDING SDC IS CONTINGENT ON MANAGEMENT APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S FUTURE ROLE IN OVERSEAS DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAMS. AN ISSUES PAPER IS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION TO PRESENT TO THE POLICY PLANNING GROUP. IF M CONFIRMS MANDATE APPROXIMATELY 15,000 DOLLARS WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR ADDITIONAL GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR FY 77. REFERENCE TO REFTEL A, PARA 4: THERE ARE NOT TWO SEPARATE GRANTS AND "THE DISTINCT LANGUAGE" IS ACCIDENTAL. THE ISSUES PAPER IF ACCEPTED BY M WOULD PROVIDE FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS, ASSUMING SATISFACTORY OPERATION OF ANY OVERSEAS DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM CONSISTENT WITH EXIGENCIES AS WELL AS THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR OFFICIAL AMERICANS.

5. M/MED WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF COPY OF CASC SUMMARY OF SALIENT PORTIONS PREPARED TO JUSTIFY AND SELL U.S. CORPORATE PARTICIPATION IN REFTEL A, PARA 2.

6. MED IS MOST INTERESTED IN THE STRATEGY CASC WILL EMPLOY TO PRESENT THE CASE TO U.S. CORPORATIONS AND WANTS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS SO RESPECTIVE STRATEGIES WILL BE EFFECTIVE. IT IS MED'S INTENTION TO REAPPROACH THE INTERESTED CORPORATIONS THROUGH THE NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL. SHOULD THE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY TO COMMIT CORPORATE FUNDS FOR THIS PURPOSE BE LOCATED AT CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS MED IS IN THE POSITION TO HELP BY DIRECT APPROACH TO APPROPRIATE PERSONS. YOUR SUGGESTIONS ADVICE AND REQUESTS ARE WELCOMED.

7. REFTEL B JUST RECEIVED. FOR TACTICAL PURPOSES IN ESTABLISHING SDC IT WOULD SEEM WISE TO PROCEED WITH HIRING THE LOCAL AMERICAN SMW (OR EQUIVALENT) ON A TEMPORARY CONTRACT LEAVING, AS YOU HAVE INDICATED, THE ULTIMATE STAFFING RESPONSIBILITY UNCOMPROMISED FOR THE INCOMING PSYCHIATRISTDIRECTOR. ROBINSON

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